New Jersey Health Foundation, Inc.

# Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grants Program
# FAQ's
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**Q.** What is the New Jersey Health Foundation Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grants Program?

**A.** The NJHF Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grants Program awards grants up to $35,000 each for projects to faculty and personnel at NJHF-affiliated organizations to help awardees address a variety of vital needs including health and wellness, human services, education, community development, behavioral and social science and social service issues. Types of programs include but are not limited to those that promote and improve areas such as health outcomes, mental health issues, crisis intervention, the functioning of special needs populations, the strengthening of family units, public safety, community centers, or any issues impacting society. This Grant Program includes behavioral and social science research to understand how and why individuals behave and how they interact with each other and their environment.

Q. Why was this Grant Program implemented by New Jersey Health Foundation?

**A.** New Jersey Health Foundation's Research Grant Program is entering its 35th year. This grant program has provided, and continues to provide, researchers with important funding for early-stage research.

The outreach of the research grant program was expanded several years ago to include a segment of funding for health-related projects focused on community health and social service issues including behavioral and social science research that do not fit into the criteria of the traditional Research Grant Program.

Q. Who can apply for funding?

**A.** Full-time faculty members, staff and other personnel from the following academic institutions are eligible to apply for funding: Cooper University Health Care, Hackensack Meridian *Health*, Kessler Foundation, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Princeton University, Rowan University, Rutgers University, University Hospital and Virtua Health.

**Q.** Does my organization need to know that I am applying for a Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grant?

**A.** Yes, you must follow all your organization's standard procedures prior to submitting an application for a Grant from an outside organization.

**Q.** What is the process for the Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grants?

**A.** Applications should be submitted electronically through our grant submission portal. The link to the portal can also be found on the New Jersey Health Foundation web site. Applications will be reviewed and scored by a New Jersey Health Foundation review panel composed of NJHF Board members and qualified members of the medical, pharmaceutical and business communities. All applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by e-mail.

**Q.** Does my research project fit in the Research Grant or Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grant Program?

**A.** If your research project deals with behavioral and social science research to understand how and why individuals behave and how they interact with each other and their environment, you should apply under the Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grants Program. **Please do not hesitate to contact us at researchgrant@njhf.org if you have any questions or need further clarification.**

**Q.** What material is required to apply?

**A.** To apply for a grant, you need to provide these documents:

- A one-page executive summary
- A proposal limited to four (4) pages
- A CV/Bio Sketch for the PI
- A letter verifying organizational support of the application
- Budget
- Literature citations (optional)

The proposal should include:

A. Clearly presented hypothesis and goals
B. Background
C. Project design & methods
D. Description of the resources and facilities available to carry out the proposed project
E. Evaluation methodology, including statistical approach if appropriate
F. Possible outcomes and implications for future projects
G. Previous or existing funding for this project

**Q**. For the requested Curricula Vitae**,** is the NIH 5-page format acceptable?

**A.** Yes, you can upload an NIH 5-page CV or Bio Sketch.

**Q**. If there is a Co-PI on my application, do we both need to submit a CV/Bio Sketch?

**A**. CV/Bio Sketch only needs to be submitted for PI submitting the application.

**Q.** Is there a specific format for the executive summary and proposal?

**A.** Yes, each document should be **double spaced**, in no less than 12-point type (no more than 15 characters per linear inch), using 1" margins. Smaller text in graphics, tables and charts is acceptable. *Applications not in compliance with these guidelines will be disqualified.*

**Q.** Can I request an extension to submit a grant?

**A.** Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications after the posted application closing date. If the deadline is missed, you may submit your application in the next award cycle.

**Q.** If my proposal is not funded, can I reapply?

**A.** The same proposal may not be resubmitted but a non-funded proposal that has been modified (due to new data, etc.) may be resubmitted in the next application cycle or any future cycle.

**Q**. What information should be included in the final narrative report?

**A.** The final narrative report should include details of the activities, conclusions drawn, estimation of the degree to which project goals were achieved, and details of any additional funding or publications that have been secured because of this grant.

**Q**. What is the deadline for submitting my application?

**A.** Applications will be accepted in the portal until November 16, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

Check the Policies & Procedures for the Community Health, Behavioral and Social Science, Social Service & Education Grants Program posted on the New Jersey Health Foundation website for additional details.